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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DAVIES**, on February 1, 2001 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Davies, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jack Wells, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Brown, Legislative Branch
Cyndie Lockett, Committee Secretary
Amy Sassano, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Governor's Office, 2/1/2001
Executive Action:

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HEARING ON GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Chairman Davies called the meeting to order.

Dave Brown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD) gave an outline of what the subcommittee will be listening to and explanation of the handout **EXHIBIT(jgh26a01)** that will follow each presentation of the Governor's Office. He also explained the file notebook he put together for the subcommittee.

Chairman Davies introduced **Ed Bartlett, Chief of Staff/Chief Legal Counsel of the Governor's Office**. He went into a brief background summary. He then discussed the Governor's Executive Office Program.

Sen. Stapleton asked **Mr. Bartlett** about the security for Governor Martz. **Mr. Bartlett** said there has been discussion on the issue but no decision. He indicated once they made a decision on security that he would then report back to **Sen. Stapleton**.

Sen. Wells said he has a bill that would take the responsibility of extradition of prisoners from the Department of Justice to the Executive Branch. He asked if the funding for this was in the Executive budget. **Mr. Bartlett** indicated the funds for this would transfer over, but it was not currently shown in the budget.

Sen. Stapleton asked a question on DP 2. He said the \$50,000 brought up a discussion with **Sen. Keenan** on if the funding should come from sources of interested parties who were benefitting or seemed to be benefitting. **Mr. Bartlett** indicated he and **Chuck Swysgood, Director of Budget and Program Planning** believed that where state funding is concerned, the funding requested would be limited to what was requested in the budget. **Mr. Bartlett** then called on **Matt McKenna, Director of the Consensus Council** to speak on the question. **Mr. McKenna** explained the history and budget of the Council but reminded the subcommittee that DP 2 was a separate issue from **Sen. Keenan's** push to get more funding through the general fund.

Mr. Bartlett discussed the Mansion Maintenance and Air Transportation Program.

Chairman Davies asked about the plane the State uses. **Mary Jo Murray** of the Governor's Office indicated a Beachcraft King Air C-90, 1979 Vintage.

Rep. Lindeen asked what the Governor's Office charges for other agencies to use the plane. **Mrs. Murray** indicated \$375 per hour.

Mr. Swysgood discussed the Office of Budget and Program Planning, explaining the agency's three Decision Packages.

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Sen. Stapleton asked if the agency may change the process of a Fiscal note, and **Mr. Swysgood** indicated no.

Mr. Bartlett moved to the Indian Affairs Program and introduced **Louie Clayborn, Coordinator of Indian Affairs**. **Mr. Bartlett** discussed DP 1, the carry over of funds requested to be re-authorized of \$2 million.

Sen. Stapleton asked if the \$150,000 was a one-time-only. **Mr. Clayborn** said yes, the original appropriation was \$200,000 and as the subcommittee noticed, there was a sunset issue effective June of 2001. The commission purpose was to study and define the economic capability on reservations and surrounding communities. DP 1 is on page A-40 of the workbook under the Governor's Office.

Mr. Brown stated there is an explanation of HB 21 in their workbook on page A-40. He clarified there is not a duplication of funding, but a duplication of effort.

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Mr. Bartlett explained the Lieutenant Governor's Program and the Citizen's Advocate Office. He provided information on the Citizen's Advocate Office **EXHIBIT(jgh26a02)**.

Rep. Lindeen asked how they track phone calls. **Myrna Omholt-Mason, Citizens' Advocate** indicated they use a manual system of hash marks or scratch totals on scratch paper.

Mr. Bartlett introduced **Gene Haire, Executive Director of Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors**. **Mr. Haire** provided two pages of information **EXHIBIT(jgh26a03)** and **EXHIBIT(jgh26a04)**. He provided the goals and outcomes of every mental hospital review.

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Bonnie Adee, Mental Health Managed Care Ombudsman very briefly discussed SB 135 and handed out a report **EXHIBIT(jgh26a05)**.

Rep. Lindeen asked what will be achieved by SB 135. **Mrs. Adee** indicated that it gives the program identity and sets it apart by recognition of a slightly different mandate.

Sen. Wells asked **Mrs. Adee** to separate their budget from the existing Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors. **Mrs. Adee** indicated they have 1.5 FTE of the existing 5 FTE they have. She asked if he wanted to go through each column in the budget. **Sen. Wells** asked if she could just give it to the subcommittee on paper.
tomorrow.

Mr. Bartlett indicated this concluded their budget and asked for question.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. BOB DAVIES, Chairman

CYNDIE LOCKETT, Secretary

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